



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of:

Ward WOHLTMANN

Appln. No. 09/736,190 ✓

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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS
FOR COUNTERACTING THE
LACK OF BALANCE OF PARTS
IN A CUTOFF FOR CIGARETTES
AND THE LIKE

Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Stephen Choi

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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

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In reply to the non-final Office Action dated August 16, 2002, Applicant hereby elects Group III. Claims 12-28 read on the elected invention. An examination on the merits of claims 10 and 12-28 is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes that the Patent Office has yet to acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statement filed December 15, 2000. Acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and return of form PTO-1449 initialed by the Examiner are respectfully requested.

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